

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- The **Wednesday Bible Study** is focusing on the minor prophets of the Old Testament. The study is held in the 3 C's Café on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm – all are welcome! (No Bible Study this Wednesday, October 7 due to the Farm Show Parade.)
- The **FREE Community Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 8:30-10 am in Fellowship Hall. Come out and enjoy a delicious, warm breakfast with some great friends and neighbors!
- **A Harvest of Gratitude** will be celebrated on Reformation Sunday, October 25, during and after the 9:30 am worship service. We'll dedicate our newly renovated spaces and give thanks to God for His provision!



From Pastor Bill Long:

If you have questions about anything you've heard today, please feel free to contact us. We'd love to talk with you and get to know you! Pastor Bill Long's office hours are Monday-Thursday 9 am-1 pm. For other times, call the church office at 717.665.2447.

If you need Pastoral Care: If you are hospitalized or in crisis, please notify the church office at 717.665.2447 during weekday hours, or for **emergency** weekends, please call the church and leave a message – messages are monitored daily and your call will be returned shortly.

Church Calendar

Sunday: 9 am Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#)
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)
Monday: 7 pm Property Board
Tuesday: 6 pm New Voices Vision Team
Thursday: 9 am Simply Yoga
7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
Saturday: 10 am Simply Yoga

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NOT THAT
I HAVE ALREADY
OBTAINED ALL THIS,
OR HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED AT MY GOAL,
BUT I PRESS ON
TO TAKE HOLD OF THAT FOR WHICH
CHRIST JESUS TOOK HOLD OF ME.

PHILIPPIANS 3:12, NIV

Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
October 4, 2026

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WELCOME to ST. PAUL'S

Making a Difference through the Love of Christ to
Know God ♦ Love God ♦ Serve God

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day "Softly and Tenderly" - Smith

Call to Worship ([Psalm of the Day](#)) - Celebrate Insert Page 2

♦ **Hymn #517** "[I Will Sing of My Redeemer](#)" Verses 1, 2 & 3

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

L: Most Gracious God,

P: We know that what we are about to receive at this Holy Communion is a gift of your amazing grace. We are never worthy to partake of this bread and wine, the symbols of our Lord's body and blood. As we receive the bread and cup, may we be more loving and forgiving to one another. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

♦ **Offertory #815** "Praise God from whom all blessings flow...."

Prayers of Intercession/The Lord's Prayer Celebrate Insert Page 4

Song "[10,000 Reasons \(Bless The Lord\)](#)" - See Insert

Confession of Faith - Philippians 3:12-14

P: I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ...I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reading of Scripture [Isaiah 5:1-7/Philippians 3:4-14/♦ St. Matthew 21:33-46](#)

Sermon "[Gadgets, Games and Gardens](#)" - Pastor Bill Long

The Sacrament of Holy Communion See Insert

♦ **Hymn #342** "[Rock of Ages](#)"

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude** "God Is Our Salvation" - Nordman

♦ All who are able may stand

Announcements

Welcome! It's so great to worship with you once again!

Worship Assistants:

Greeters/Ushers: Kermit & Dottie Drumheller
Music Provided by June Smith, Organist
The Altar Flowers are placed To the Glory of God.

Offering Options: Your offering is a part of worshipping God. St. Paul's offers several ways to give your offering:

- ♦ Drop your envelope in the donation box as you leave church today.
- ♦ Mail your offering to the church.
- ♦ If you use online banking, use the Bill Pay option.
- ♦ Or set up direct withdrawals – contact the church office at 717.665.2447 for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry here @ St. Paul's UCC!

You're Invited to [Coffee Hour!](#)

After worship today, please follow the crowd downstairs to Fellowship Hall to enjoy a delicious cup of Whiff Roasters coffee and some scrumptious treats. There's something for everyone and you'll have a chance to get to know the people of St. Paul's UCC and Pastor Bill Long!

All Saints' Sunday is November 1

All Saints' Sunday is the day we remember all those who have died since Nov. 2, 2025. If you would like to remember a loved one who died please contact the church office at [717.665.2447](tel:717.665.2447) stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net by Sunday, October 18.

Mission of the Month

The October Mission of the Month is [Church World Service's Blanket Appeal](#). The Blanket Appeal benefits those who have been left bereft of everything, whether from a natural disaster like flooding, hurricane, wildfire, etc, or by a human caused disaster such as war or violence. Help those who have nothing to at least have a warm blanket by using your October special envelope.

Prayers of the People

To update the prayer list, please contact Joan Hess at 717.665.4705.



Please pray: God, center your church in humility as we strive to following your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt by the church and dare to name difficult truths. Show all your love. Amen.

Discernment Prayer:

- Pray for the members of Church Council, Property Board, Staff and New Voices Team in their planning and preparations to hear God's plan for St. Paul's UCC's future.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And with your spirit.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **P: We lift our hearts up unto the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **P: It is right for us to do so.**

♦ Gloria Patri

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Seraphic Hymn (Hosanna)

P: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabbaoth: Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy Glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

L: Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things. In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. **P: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**

Sharing of the Elements

♦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Almighty and Everlasting God,

P: We thank you for the great goodness you have shown toward us by nourishing us through these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior; assuring us that we are members of the mystical body of Christ our Lord. Help us to continue in that Holy Fellowship and do all things that shall please you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory. Amen.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

(C VI C V2 C V3 C C Tag)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Ending

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

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Lord, I'll worship Your holy name